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FOR: OPTICAL SCANNING DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM INCLUDING THE SAME

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REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO(10-333069) on form PTO-1449:

This reference, discussed in the introductory part of the specification, discloses an optical scanning device that provides good performance for the uniform-velocity characteristics (the linearity = $\pm 0.1\%$).

Reference AP(11-64760) on for PTO-1449:

This reference, also discussed in the introductory part of the specification, discloses an optical scanning device that provides good performance for the uniform-velocity characteristics (the linearity = -0.1% to +0.2%).

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	6,185,026 B1	02/06/01	Yoshinori HAYASHI, et al.			
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